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SUBJ: LOS: PRAVDA COMMENTS ON CARACAS CONFERENCE

1. PRAVDA, IN A SIGNED COMMENTARY ON AUGUST 31, EXPRESSES
SATISFACTION WITH THE WORK OF THE LOS CONFERENCE,
CALLING IT A "USEFUL DISCUSSION" WHICH HAS IMPROVED PARTICIPANT
STATES' KNOWLEDGE OF EACH OTHERS' POSITIONS AND HAS LAID
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GROUNDWORK FOR "CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION" IN GENEVA IN

1975. THE COMMENTARY EMPHASIZES THAT THE "EXTRAORDINARILY SIGNIFICANT" RULES AND STANDARDS WHICH THE CONFERENCE ATTEMPTED TO CODIFY MUST ANSWER THE "JUST AND LEGAL" INTERESTS OF ALL STATES, FOR ONLY THUS CAN THEY BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL AND THEREFORE SELF-ENFORCING. IT WARNS THAT THE NEW CONVENTION MUST NOT THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER; ESTABLISHED USAGES SUCH AS FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION, FREEDOM OF PASSAGE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL STRAITS, AND "OTHER PRINCIPLES" MUST BE RETAINED AND EMBODIED IN THE NEW CODE. PRAVDA ALSO ADVOCATES THAT DECISIONS ON THE ECONOMIC ZONE BEING PROPOSED BY THE DEVELOPING STATES BE MADE IN A COMPLEX WITH "OTHER PROBLEMS" AFFECTED BY THESE PROPOSALS.

2. THE ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE A RESTATEMENT OF SOVIET INTEREST IN SEEING AGREEMENT ON A NEW CONVENTION AS LONG AS ITS SECURITY INTERESTS ARE NOT INFRINGED UPON IN SUCH MATTERS AS STRAITS PASSAGE, AND AS LONG AS THE DEVELOPING STATES GIVE DUE REGARD TO THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPED STATES IN THEIR ECONOMIC ZONE PROPOSALS.

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